

I urge you not to relax the current restriction on broadcast ownership in local areas. This restriction is important in preverving diversity of opinion, a mainstay of our democracy. It has been said that relaxing such ownership is necessary to help preserve the economic health of the major broadcast networks, and free broadcasting in general. That is an important issue too, but I am not convinced that relaxing the restrictions on local ownership is the way to go about it. Perhaps further hearings should be held on alternative ways to help preserve broadcast networks, it they are indeed in danger of failing.